(b) whether the delay in the revival of IISCO has enormously affected the functioning of the plant;

(c) what is the present status of the revival package;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the IISCO management demanded a support of Rs. 186 crores from NRF for implementing a scheme of separation; and

(e) if so, what is the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) to (c) IISCO is a sick company and has been under reference to BIFR since June, 1994. A revised proposal has been received by SAIL which inter alia includes writing off of accumulated losses, use of Rupee debt funds to revive IISCO in a Joint Venture (JV) with M/s. Tyazhpromesport (TPE) of Russia. The revised proposal envisages an investment of Rs. 798 crores.

However, any scheme to be taken up for revival or modernisation of IISCO will have to be in accordance with the orders of BIFR in this regard.

(d) and (e) A sum of Rs. 86 crores has been sought from the NRF by IISCO for the year 1999-2000. An amount of Rs. 5 crores has already been provided to IISCO for implementation of VRS. Further allocation to IISCO will depend upon availability of funds.

Corruption cases in the Steel Plants

†1945. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers and employees against whom the cases of corruption and financial irregularities are pending in each Steel Plant as on 30th November, 1999;

(b) since when these cases are pending; and

(c) the number of persons who have been promoted in each of the plants during the period when the cases were pending, together with those, who have been deprived of promotions, cadre-wise?

Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The details of the cases of corruption and financial irregularities pending against the officers and employees as on 30th November, 1999 in the steel producing plants in the public sector are as under:—

Name of the Plant	Cases pending Officers	
	Officers	Employees
Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP)	8	36
Bokaro Steel Ltd. (BSL)	7	48
Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP)	3	1
Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP)	10	20
The Indian Iron & Steel Company Ltd.	5	18
Alloy Steel Plant (ASP), Durgapur	NIL	4
Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP)	NIL	8

(b) The pendency in the above cases ranges from 3 months to one

(c) In the case of RINL, none of the employees against whom cases are pending has been promoted. In the case of cases pending against officers and employees in the SAIL's Steel Plants viz. BSP, BSL, DSP, RSP, IISCO, ASP, no regular promotion has been given to the employees against whom charge-sheets for corruption and financial irregularities have been issued. However, 11 number of employees (Officers—2, Employees—9) have been given ad-hoc promotions as per existing provisions. This has been done in line with the provisions contained under para 21.0 of Promotion Policy of SAIL, duly approved by Competent Authority.